

at Pearl Harbor. As a result, the remains of Scott Magers will soon return to beautiful Barren County, KY where he grew up. Among those welcoming him home will be Betty Magers, who was only 11 when Scott said his good-byes to family and friends and headed to basic training.

As on every Memorial Day, we want to honor those men and women who have lost their lives in the service of their country in our Armed Forces. But today, we remember one very specific young man, Howard Scott Magers, and, on behalf of all the other fallen, say to him, "Welcome home. Fair winds and following seas."

#### TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF DAVID MAHONEY

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I rise to honor David Mahoney, sheriff of Dane County, WI, on his retirement. Throughout his long and notable career in law enforcement, Sheriff Mahoney has been a champion of those in the profession and an advocate of deepening community engagement.

After earning degrees from Madison College and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sheriff Mahoney began his 41-year career in law enforcement, all but one of which was spent in the Dane County Sheriff's Office. He also graduated from the National Sheriffs' Institute Executive Management Program and the FBI National Academy for Executive Management. Sheriff Mahoney's distinguished career includes extensive experience in labor management, having served 12 years as a local, State, and national labor executive officer, including several years as head of the Wisconsin Professional Police Association. His leadership abilities were recognized when he was appointed president of the National Sheriffs' Association and the Badgerland Sheriffs' Association.

Sheriff Mahoney was elected as the 52nd sheriff of Dane County in 2006. He won reelection in 2010, 2014, and 2018. As Sheriff, Dave led an organization of 600 staff in a county spanning 1,238 square miles with over 575,000 residents. He was a steadfast advocate for justice, safety, taxpayers, and the men and women in uniform who served on his team.

During his tenure, Sheriff Mahoney worked hard to reduce recidivism and engage in partnerships to promote criminal justice reform. He is especially respected for his work in understanding the reasons people enter the criminal justice system and developing programming in a jail setting to address these reasons. He has been a strong advocate for more humane conditions in the county's aging jail facilities, including improving access to mental health and substance abuse treatment. He also expanded electronic monitoring programs to reduce a growing jail population and ended a costly program that transferred inmates to facilities in other counties.

But Sheriff Mahoney is perhaps best known for his efforts to expand community engagement and rebuild trust between communities of color and law enforcement. Under his leadership, the sheriff's office partnered with the Justified Anger Coalition, a local initiative designed to eliminate racial disparities and create opportunities for African Americans. He also served on the county's Criminal Justice Council, which pursues reform across both the legal and penal systems.

While Sheriff Mahoney is retiring from the Dane County Sheriff's Office, he is not retiring from his dedication to safety and security. He will continue his leadership in his new role as the director of Strategy and Support in the Protective Services Division of American Family Insurance, and he will remain a strong voice in the community's pursuit of racial justice reform.

I am proud to honor Sheriff David Mahoney's four decades of protecting Dane County citizens with respect and grace, and I am grateful to call him my friend.

#### TRIBUTE TO MAJOR AIMEE A. MACK

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize MAJ Aimee A. Mack, U.S. Army, on the conclusion of her current assignment. Since May 2020, Major Mack has served with great distinction as the legislative liaison for the Countermeasures Acceleration Group, which was previously known as Operation Warp Speed. Throughout the development, production, and distribution of the various coronavirus vaccines, Major Mack has been an outstanding source of information for my staff and me, helping us understand a fast-moving and game-changing program that is saving millions of American lives.

I think we all need to pause and marvel at the miracle that Operation Warp Speed fostered. Today, based on the successful foundational work of Operation Warp Speed, it is extremely easy for any eligible American to receive a coronavirus vaccine. So it might be hard to remember just how far-fetched that objective seemed when Operation Warp Speed was launched during the height of the pandemic, approximately 1 year ago. At the time, many in the mainstream media doubted that a coronavirus vaccine could be produced so quickly. President Trump's plan to make a coronavirus vaccine available by the end of 2020 was repeatedly "fact checked," and leading political and medical figures viewed the program as either a low-odds gamble or a political stunt.

This was the very difficult information environment that Major Mack confronted when she was appointed as Operation Warp Speed's legislative liaison in May 2020, but she was uniquely suited for the assignment. Like all of the best legislative liaisons, Major Mack had the confidence of her com-

manding officer, GEN Gustave A. Perna, and was meticulous in her provision of precise, detailed information to Congress. She is also a Nurse Corps officer, and her medical knowledge made her an exceptional asset to Members of Congress and their staffs, particularly when it came to explaining the program's revolutionary scientific and medical testing decisions, which were vital to finding, testing, and receiving emergency approval for three vaccines in record time. In this sense, Major Mack was not merely a source of information but of education. Thanks to her efforts, when the first coronavirus vaccines were administered in December 2020, there was broad, bipartisan congressional confidence in the vaccines' safety and efficacy because she taught our staffs and us what we needed to know.

In the months that followed, as attention shifted from the development of the vaccines to their production and delivery, Major Mack continued to provide regular and detailed updates for Members and staff. Again, I think we need to admire Operation Warp Speed's achievement here: For the first time in history, vaccines are effectively going from conveyor belts to arms within days. Major Mack's deep knowledge of the process and her outstanding work in sharing it with us bolstered congressional confidence in the program. To put a finer point on it, when our State health departments needed the latest information on vaccine allotments and projections, we knew who to call—MAJ Aimee Mack.

Major Mack will soon depart for Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS, and she will be greatly missed. I want to thank her for her exceptional service and thank her family as well—her husband, MAJ Jamaal Mack, and her children, Daunte and Alisa. I wish her every success in the future and sincerely hope we get to work with her again soon.

#### TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL ANTHONY V. SANTINO

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a great American and an exceptional member of the United States Air Force. On this occasion, I believe it is fitting to recognize Lt. Col. Anthony "Tony" Santino's distinguished service and dedication to fostering the relationship between the U.S. Air Force and this Chamber.

Lieutenant Colonel Santino has distinguished himself through his professional character and leadership by serving this Nation in uniform. A leader and expert communicator, he has provided exemplary service to our country while assigned to the Air Force Senate Liaison Office. Tony is a senior missileer, operating at the highest levels of America's nuclear enterprise, ensuring the United States and its allies are strategically prepared to defend this great nation from external threats.

Prior to his current assignment, Tony had the privilege of being an Air Force fellow for Representative LIZ CHENEY. In addition to his numerous and impressive professional accomplishments, it is worth noting he flawlessly balanced his duties, evidenced by his ability to allocate personal time to selflessly volunteer as local neighborhood math tutor, where Tony's enthusiastic service empowered DC youth and inspired community partnership. His passion for not only the organization he works for but also the community in which he resides is unrivaled.

As a legislative liaison in the Air Force Senate Liaison Office from November 2019 to May 2021, Lieutenant Colonel Santino expertly performed his duties without reservation. His strategic thinking and strategic foresight helped to strengthen and improve our national security. Tony accomplished this by utilizing his in depth Air Force knowledge with numerous engagements between Congress and the Department of the Air Force. During this assignment, Tony conducted congressional engagements to provide Members of Congress and staff insights into the Air Force we need and Air Force required to support the national defense strategy. Tony transformed congressional engagement norms amidst coronavirus limitations, leading more than 40 remote and virtual engagements between Air Force senior leaders and U.S. Senators, exponentially increasing trust and mutual understanding.

Tony's innovative efforts and trusted credibility on Capitol Hill enabled the passage of foundational legislation in support of Air Force priorities, securing more than \$170 billion in annual requirements and directly contributing to the stand-up of the United States Space Force. All of these conversations and engagements helped stakeholders understand the defense equities and impact on national security. Tony remained engaged with Members of Congress to ensure all were informed, advised, and educated on initiatives important to the Air Force and the citizens of this great country. Due to his direct involvement and stewardship, Members of Congress were able to make informed decisions and ensure the Department of the Air Force was properly resourced and funded.

After concluding this challenging assignment, Lieutenant Colonel Santino will move to his next duty station at Vandenberg AFB, where he will be the director of operations for the 576th Flight Test Squadron. Tony has sacrificed much in service to our Nation. I am eternally thankful for Tony's selfless service and superb work with my office and the Senate over the past 18 months on issues important to the State of Iowa and this great Nation. I salute this American patriot whose selfless service has kept our country safe and strong.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING THE LINTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RADIO PROGRAM

• Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, as another school year comes to a close, I want to recognize the students at one North Dakota school for their accomplishments in a remarkable program. Students in Linton operate my State's first and only high school radio station. KLHS AM 1620 is a full-fledged AM station that went live in 2017. Since then, it has given students hands-on experience in broadcasting, interviewing, and news writing.

KLHS and now KLPS play rock, oldies, and country music and feature local weather, news, and sports. It is all done by the students enrolled in the Linton High School radio broadcasting classes who write and produce all programs heard on the air. While mastering broadcasting, they also learn to operate a console board and other skills like speaking, articulation, production, script writing, and interviewing.

These Linton students have also attended the annual national conferences of the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System, and their accomplishments have been recognized with many awards. At this year's conference, the Linton students took home 20 Golden Microphone Awards, in categories such as best promotional event, most creative show, best station logo, best sports play-by-play, and best website.

I also want to salute the founder of the Linton High School program, longtime State radio veteran Jay Schmaltz. The idea for a high school broadcasting program originated after he became the supervisor of the Emmons County alternative education programs. Today, it is the most popular elective class at the school and remains the only high school radio station in North Dakota.

Mr. President, there are many good jobs in broadcasting in North Dakota and around the world. These Linton High School students are receiving a head start in the professional world of communications and will be able to apply the valuable skills they learn in many directions in their future professions. I commend Linton High School for offering such a valuable program and Jay Schmaltz for his dedication to its success, and I congratulate the Linton High School broadcasting students for recognizing the value of learning a skill that will benefit them the rest of their lives. I know we will be hearing much more from these broadcasting entrepreneurs for many years to come.●

##### REMEMBERING ERNEST EDISON WEST

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, Ernest Edison West not only served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean

war but embarked on a lifetime of service, consistently demonstrating courage, selflessness, and, above all, brotherhood. Orphaned at an early age, Mr. West was raised in a children's home that stressed this important concept—a value that was repeatedly put to the test in the Korean war. Once, despite losing an eye under intense enemy gunfire, he retreated and saved two wounded fellow soldiers and carried his injured patrol leader to safety while killing three enemy combatants. In the immediate aftermath, he said he had no idea that he was even wounded and that his fellow soldiers would have done the same for him.

President Dwight Eisenhower was set to award Ernest the Medal of Honor. His sense of brotherhood on full display, West initially declined, asserting that everyone was doing his duty and that all were equal to him. He reluctantly accepted the Medal of Honor and was later awarded a Purple Heart.

Fortunately, Mr. West's selfless service did not end with his enlistment.

In 1954, he married Gwendolyn Stafford in a nationally televised ceremony on an episode of the CBS show "Bride and Groom." He and Gwen moved back to Wurtland, KY, along the Ohio River in beautiful Greenup County. There, Ernest would later serve as mayor and play a huge part in creating a State veterans cemetery, where he is now buried.

Mayor West was admired for his willingness to get his hands dirty—quite literally—like digging water lines along county roads. He coached youth basketball and football and used sports to pass along his strong sense of brotherhood. How can we even measure the impact he made on all of those young lives?

Ernest Edison West, who was born in Russell, KY, on September 2, 1931, died this year on May 1, at the age of 89. While his daughter, Amy Hogsett, his many grandchildren, his community, and the Commonwealth are saddened to say goodbye to this extraordinary man, we are not left emptyhanded. We are left with a powerful example of brotherhood lived out.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2911. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a plan for obligating and expending Coronavirus pandemic funding made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 1903(b), and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard